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reducing organic compound kneaded with a hydrophilic and water insoluble thermoplastic resin, which is then [is] dispersed in a hydrophobic thermoplastic resin.

In Claim 2, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

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3. (Amended) A resin composition to be used in a multi-layer laminate for storing liquid foods, comprising [in which a kneaded compound which includes] a hydrophilic reducing organic compound kneaded with a porous inorganic compound, and a hydrophilic and water insoluble thermoplastic resin, which is then [is] dispersed in a hydrophobic thermoplastic resin.

In Claim 4, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

In Claim 5, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

In Claim 6, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

In Claim 7, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

In Claim 8, line 1 after "composition", please delete "for storing liquid foods".

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- 14. (Amended) A laminate for packaging <u>aqueous</u> liquid foods, comprising an innermost layer made of a resin that is prepared by dispersing a porous inorganic compound <u>containing</u> [supporting an] ascorbic acids into hydrophobic thermoplastic resin.
- 15. (Amended) A laminate for packaging <u>aqueous</u> liquid foods comprised of an innermost layer made of a resin having a water vapor transmission rate of not less than 5g/m² 24 hours at 40°C and 90% RH and a layer adjacent to the innermost layer manufactured by dispersing a porous inorganic compound <u>containing</u> [supporting an] ascorbic acids into hydrophobic thermoplastic resin.

Please add the following new claims.

20. (New) A method of producing a resin composition to be used in a multi-layer laminate for packaging liquid foods, comprising the steps of kneading a hydrophilic reducing